

North of Vista del Sol Dr. & West of Joe Battle Blvd.

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Rezoning



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REPRESENTATIVE: SLI Engineering, Inc.

LOCATION: North of Vista del Sol Dr. & West of Joe Battle Blvd.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A portion of Section 8, Block 79, Township 3 of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys in El Paso County, Texas

EXISTING ZONING: R-3 (Residential)

REQUEST: To rezone from R-3 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) to allow for an apartment building (five or more units)

RELATED APPLICATIONS: N/A

PUBLIC INPUT Planning has not received any communication in support or opposition to the rezoning request; Notices sent to property owners within 300 feet on August 9, 2018.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval (see pages 2—4 for basis for recommendation)

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: The property owner is requesting a rezone from R-3 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) to allow for an apartment building (five or more units) for the property located North of Vista del Sol Dr. & West of Joe Battle Blvd. The property is 4.33 acres in size and is currently vacant.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Division recommends **APPROVAL** of rezoning the property from rezone from R-3 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) to allow for an apartment building (five or more units). The proposed zoning district is consistent with other commercial districts in the immediate area along Joe Battle Blvd., and meets the established character of its surrounding neighborhood. Further, the proposed development meets the intent of the G-4, Suburban (Walkable) land use designation of Plan El Paso, the City's Comprehensive Plan.



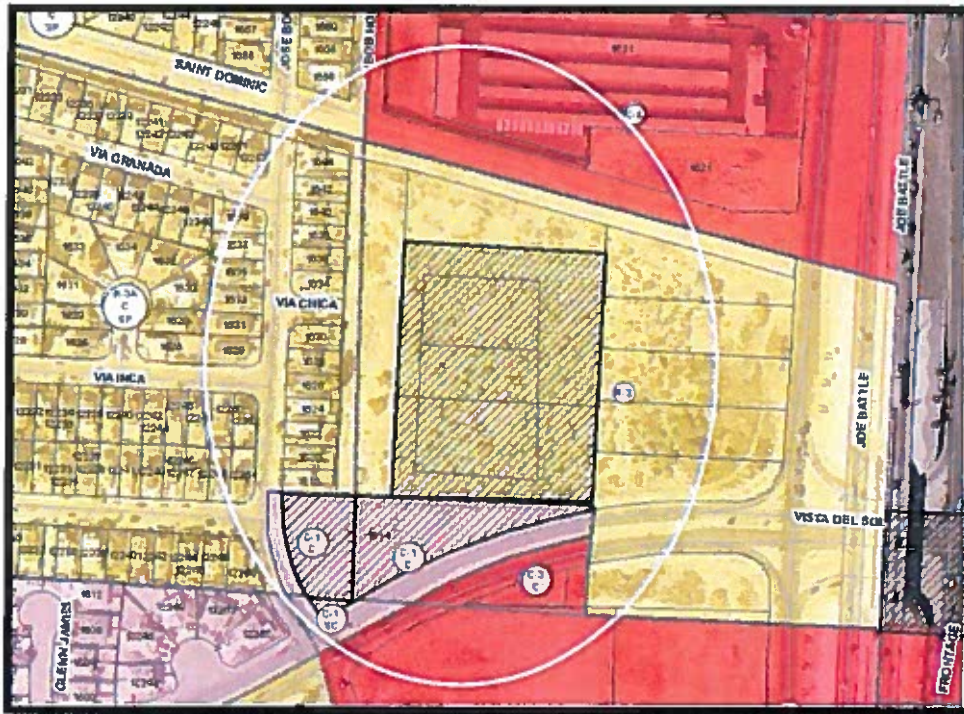
DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

The property owner is requesting a rezoning from R-3 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial) to accommodate a proposed apartment complex. The development will comply with the City of El Paso Design Standards for Construction prior to any building permits being issued. The property is 4.33 acres in size and is currently vacant.

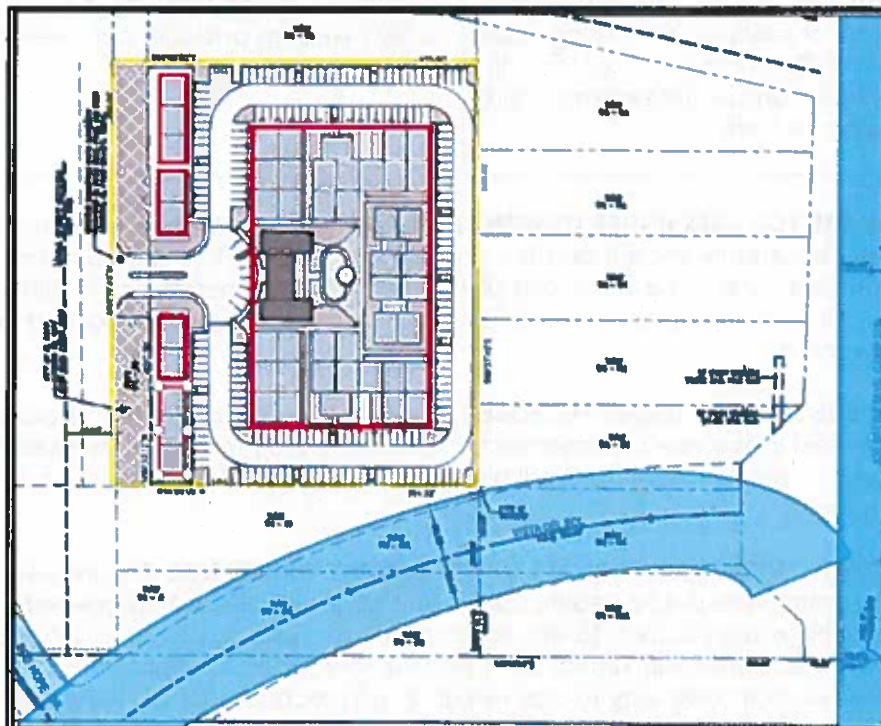
REZONING POLICY

POLICY	DOES IT COMPLY?
Compatibility Proposed zone change matches existing land use map or matches existing land use designation within 300 ft. of the subject property.	Yes, the property is designated G-4, Suburban (Walkable) and meets the intent of similar zoning districts.
Plan El Paso Properties located within 300 feet of the subject property have the same or similar zoning. The zoning district opens the opportunity for new commercial uses.	Yes, properties adjacent to the subject property are zoned R-3 (Residential), R-3A (Residential), C-1/c (Commercial/condition), C-3/c (Commercial/condition) & C-4 (Commercial).

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER AND COMPATIBILITY: The site is zoned R-3 (Residential) is currently vacant. Properties adjacent to the subject property are zoned R-3 (Residential), R-3A (Residential), C-1/c (Commercial/condition), C-3/c (Commercial/condition) & C-4 (Commercial). Surrounding land uses include dwellings, single-family, self-storage warehouse, and vacant lots. The nearest park is Walter Clarke Park (1,031 feet) and the nearest school is Capt. Walter Clarke Middle (1,945 feet).



COMPLIANCE WITH PLAN EL PASO: The subject property is currently vacant and the conceptual site plan to accommodate a proposed apartment complex, which is a permitted use in the C-1 (Commercial) zone district.



RELATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CITY'S COMP. PLAN

CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN EL PASO	DOES IT COMPLY?
G-4, This sector applies to modern single use residential subdivisions and office parks, large schools and parks, and suburban shopping centers. This sector is generally stable but would benefit from strategic suburban retrofits to supplement the limited housing stock and add missing civic and commercial uses.	Yes, the purpose of this project is to maximize the potential of the subject property, while maintaining adjacent compatibility residential and commercial uses.
ZONING DISTRICT	DOES IT COMPLY?
C-1 (Commercial) Provide compatible neighborhood convenience goods and services that serve day-to-day needs. Permit locations for business and professional offices and retail category uses within adjacent residential areas of medium and high densities.	Yes, an apartment complex is a permissible use in the C-1 (Commercial) district.

POLICY	DOES IT COMPLY?
2.2.5 : The design of new neighborhoods and additions to existing neighborhoods should strive for a balance of housing, jobs, shopping, recreation, and civic uses to avoid unnecessary travel and reduce infrastructure and public services costs.	Yes, the applicant is proposing an apartment complex to supplement the existing single-family dwellings and light commercial in the area.

SUITABILITY OF SITE FOR USES UNDER CURRENT ZONING: The lot proposes 4.33 acres in size. The subject property is currently vacant and the conceptual site plan to accommodate a proposed apartment complex, which is a permitted use in the C-1 (Commercial) zone district. Upon the development of the site, all other dimensional standards are to be met as required under the C-1 (Commercial) zoning.

SUITABILITY OF SITE FOR USES UNDER PROPOSED ZONING: The subject site is 4.33 acres in size and allows the proposed uses under the proposed C-1 (Commercial) zoning. Consequently, a plat will be required prior to development and will be required to meet all the dimensional standards at the subdivision stage.

CONSISTENCY WITH INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE: The intent of the Zoning Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare; to regulate the use of land and buildings within zoning districts to ensure compatibility, and to protect property values. The intent of the C-1 (Commercial) district is to provide compatible neighborhood convenience goods and services that serve day-to-day needs. Permit locations for business and professional offices and retail category uses within adjacent residential areas of medium and high densities.

ADEQUACY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES: There is an existing 8-inch diameter water main extending along the north side of Via Chica Dr., approximately 18-feet south of and parallel to the northern right-of-way line of Via Chica Dr. this main dead-ends approximately 105-feet east of Jose Bombach Dr. This water main is available for main extensions. Water main extensions are to extend by creating a looped system.

EFFECT UPON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: Subject property does not involve greenfield/ environmentally sensitive land or arroyo disturbance.

COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC: The subject property falls within the boundary of the Eastside Civic Association and has been contacted as required by 20.04.520. Notice of a Public Hearing was mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on August 9, 2018. Planning has not received any communication in support or opposition to the rezoning request.

STAFF COMMENTS: No objections to proposed rezoning. No reviewing departments had any negative comments. Applicant is responsible for obtaining all applicable permits and approvals prior to any construction or change in occupancy.

OTHER APPLICABLE FACTORS: Approval of the rezoning by the City Plan Commission constitutes a determination that the applicant is in compliance with the minimum provisions. Applicant is responsible for the adequacy of such plans, insuring that stormwater is in compliance with ordinances, codes, DSC, and DDM. Failure to comply may require the applicant to seek re-approval of the site plans from CPC.

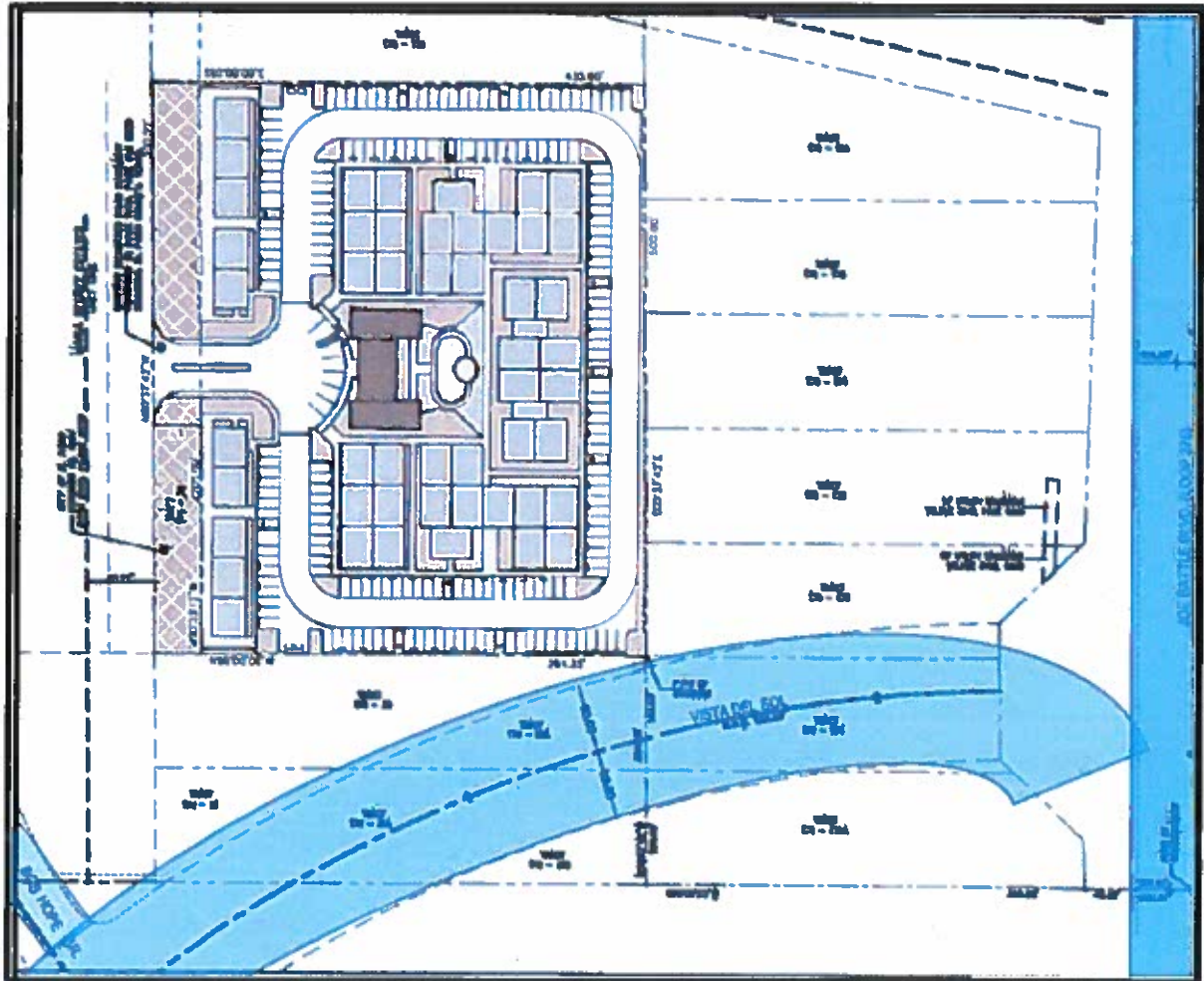
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Conceptual Site Plan
2. Zoning Map
3. Future Land Use Map
4. Department Comments
5. Public Notification Boundary Map



ATTACHMENT 1

Conceptual Site Plan

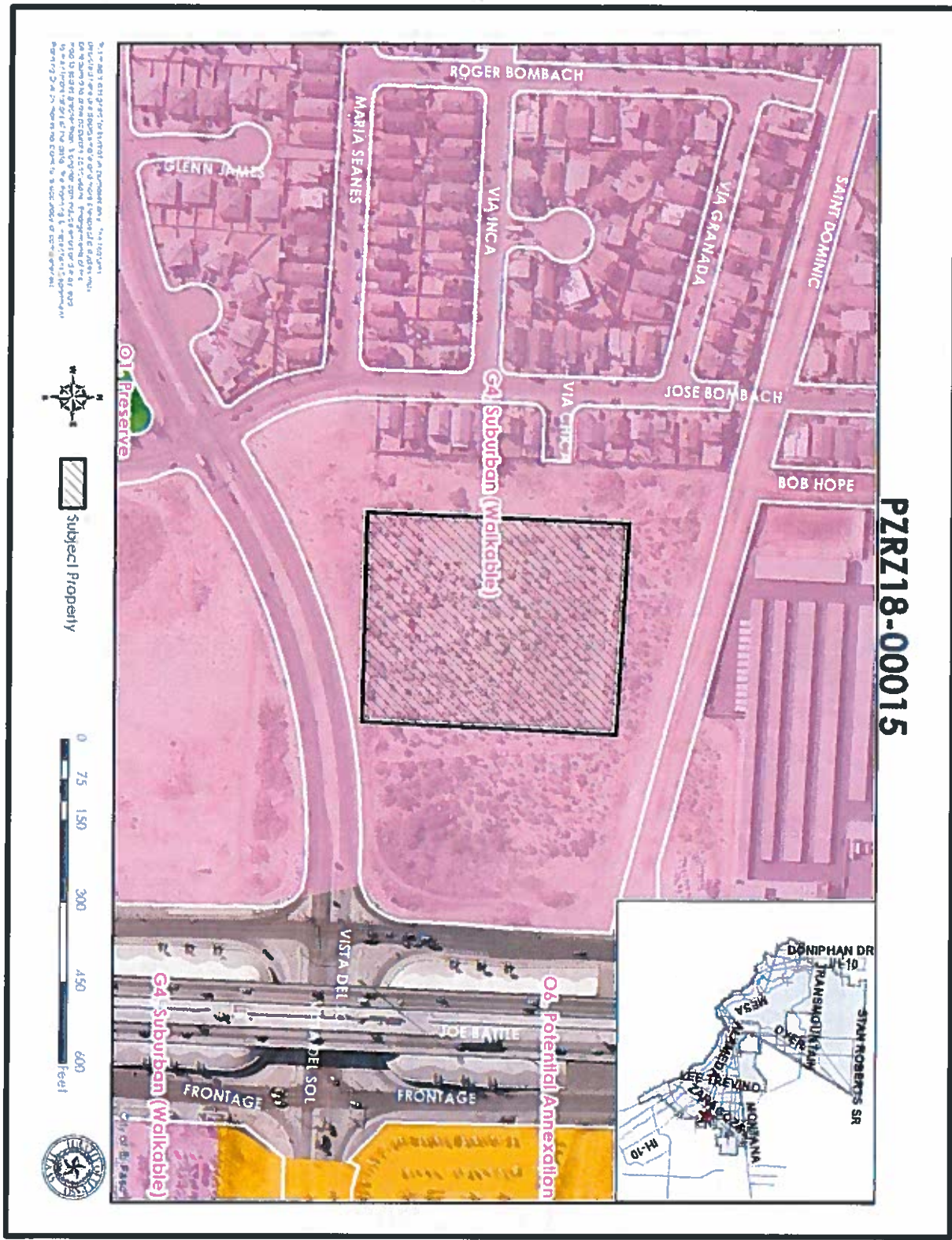


Zoning Map



ATTACHMENT 3

Future Land Use Map



ATTACHMENT 5

Department Comments

Planning and Inspections Department- Planning Division

No objections to rezoning.

Note: All existing / proposed paths of travel (accessible sidewalks, wheelchair access curb ramps and driveways) within public rights-of-way shall be in compliance with current ADA/TAS rules and regulations and the current City of El Paso Design Standards for Construction.

Planning and Inspections Department - City Development & Permitting- Landscape

Recommend approval.

Planning and Inspections Department - Land Development

Approval w/condition

1. Add note on site plans: All Storm-water runoff discharge volumes shall be retained within this lot's limits (DSC, 19.19.010A and DDM, 11.1)."
2. Show existing and proposed drainage patterns, ponding area locations, and label all drainage structures.
3. Add current FEMA FIRM flood zone information to general notes.

Sun Metro:

Recommended approval.

Fire Department

No objections to the proposed rezoning.

Police Department

No objections to the proposed rezoning

TxDot

Not required.

Subdivisions Department

The subject properties are currently unplatted. Consequently, a plat will be required prior to development. In addition, there appears to be several lots within the proposed area to be rezoned that do not appear to have access to public right-of-way. This issue will need to be addressed during the platting stage of the development process. Depending on the number of proposed apartment units, a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) may be required at the platting stage.

Environmental Services

Waste storage area(s) for any dumpsters will need to be identified on the plans, and will need enclosures to keep them screened from surrounding R-3. The enclosures will not be required if there is a six-ft. rock wall between the C-1 and R-3 parcels.

El Paso Water Utilities

We have reviewed the property described above and provide the following comments:

1. EPWater does not object to this request

Water

- There is an existing 8-inch diameter water main extending along the north side of Via Chica Dr., approximately 18-feet south of and parallel to the northern right-of-way line of Via Chica Dr. this main dead-ends approximately 105-feet east of Jose Bombach Dr. This water main is available for main extensions. Water main extensions are to extend by creating a looped system. Owner is responsible for all main extensions costs.
- Previous water pressure from fire hydrant #8745 located on the NW corner of the intersection of Jose Bombach Dr. and Via Granada Dr. has yield a static pressure of 48 (psi), a residual pressure of 44 (psi), and a discharge of 1,007 gallons per minute.

Sanitary Sewer:

- There is an existing 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main extending along the south side of Via Chica Dr., approximately 21-feet north of and parallel to the southern right-of-way line of Via Chica Dr. this main dead-ends approximately 105-feet east of Jose Bombach Dr. This sanitary sewer main is available for main extensions.

General:

- EPWater - PSB requires a new service application to provide service to the property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3rd floor and should be made 6 to 8 weeks in advance of construction to ensure water for construction work. A site plan, utility plan, grading and drainage plans, landscaping plan, the legal description of the property and a certificate-of-compliance are required at the time of application. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWU – PSB Rules and Regulations. The applicant is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.
- EPWU-PSB requires access to the proposed water, sanitary sewer facilities, appurtenances, and meters within utility and PSB easements 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week

Stormwater Engineering

We have reviewed the property described above and provide the following comments:

- EPW – Stormwater Engineering requires retention of all developed stormwater runoff within this subdivision.
- EPW - Stormwater Engineering recommends using principles of low impact & green infrastructure development (such as recessed landscaping, rainwater harvesting, and porous pavements) to reduce the amount of developed stormwater runoff and to mitigate adverse downstream drainage conditions.

ATTACHMENT 6

Notification Map

